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1. A general inspection of Czechoslovak Artillery is being held in the Olomouc area in Moravia. An important Soviet military mission, headed by Marshal of Artillery N. I. Nedelin, took part in the inspection.
  2. For the first time the Czechoslovak artillerists tested the new Soviet heavy gun, provisionally designated ZIOF. The gun is the most powerful now available to the Soviet Army, but no decision has yet been reached on the question of assigning such pieces to the Czechoslovak Army. It is, however, expected that at least one Czechoslovak regiment will be armed with the new gun.
  3. There is at present such a regiment at Jihlava, in the Ceskomoravska vysocina area. At present there are being built at Jihlava ramps for launching guided missiles, but the work has not been progressing satisfactorily, and General of Artillery Beneš was recently relieved.

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